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March 19, 2020

Chambers Hon. Elizabeth S. Stong United States Bankruptcy Court 271 Cadman Plaza East Brooklyn, NY 11201

RE: Sean M. Murray

Chapter 7

Bankruptcy Case Number: 17-44157 Adversary Case Number: 18-01141 SD&B File Number: 18-069932

### Dear Judge Stong;

This firm represents Specialized Loan Servicing, LLC ("SLS"), a secured creditor of the Debtor with respect to the coop apartment located at 3521 79th Street, Apt 4E, Jackson Heights, NY 11372 (the "Property"), in the above referenced Adversary Proceeding.

At the initial hearing on SLS' motion for summary judgment, which took place on February 24, 2020, the Court directed counsel to file a redacted copy of the confidential settlement agreement.

The redacted confidential settlement agreement was filed in the bankruptcy case at ECF number 114, and is annexed hereto as **Exhibit "A"** in compliance with the Court's direction at the February 24, 2020 hearing.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Robert W. Griswold
Robert W. Griswold

**Enclosures** 

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# Exhibit "A"

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	X			
In re:				
Sean M. Murray	Case No. 17-44157 (ESS)			
Debtor.	Chapter 7			
CONFIDENTIAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, RELEASE OF LIABILITY, AND COVENANT OF NON-DISCLOSURE				
	reforth "Mr. Murray") maintains an address of P.O. med social security number ending in8657, and			
WHEREAS, Mr. Murray filed bankruptcy case designated as Case No. 17-44157-ess (henceforth the "Bankruptcy Case") filed in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of New York, and Mr. Murray is the owner of shares and is the proprietary lessee in relation to a cooperative apartment commonly known 3521 79 <sup>th</sup> Street, Unit 4 E, Jackson Heights, NY 11372 with said shares being part of the bankruptcy estate in the Bankruptcy Case, and				
WHEREAS, Mr. Murray having filed the following motions seeking entry of orders to show cause within the Bankruptcy Case and said motions shall henceforth be known collectively herein as "Motions for Orders to Show Cause":				
Docket No. 43: Application for an Order to Show Cause Docket No. 67: Application for and Order to Show Cause Docket No. 74: Application for an Order to Show Cause				
WHEREAS, the above Motions for Orders to Show Cause seek relief including but not limited to sanctions and contempt against Gross Polowy, LLC, attorneys associated with Gross Polowy, LLC, and Specialized Loan Servicing, LLC, and				
	wy, LLC, and Specialized Loan Servicing, LLC ease of Liability, and Non-Disclosure Agreement			
WHEREAS, in consideration  Mr. Mu undertakings, waivers, and releases:	array hereby provides the following covenants,			
Mr. Murray, by signature on the Settlement Agreement and the contained herein.	as consideration for the contents of this covenants, undertakings, waivers, and releases			

- 2. Mr. Murray by signature on this Settlement Agreement hereby forever releases and discharges Gross Polowy, LLC, its shareholders and employees including but not limited to attorneys associated with Gross Polowy, LLC, and Specialized Loan Servicing, LLC its employees, shareholders, agents, and insured (henceforth the "Released Entities and Individuals"), from any and all legal or any other form of liability to which Mr. Murray can or might claim rights to based on any action or inaction by the Released Entities and Individuals as they relate all allegations of wrongdoing, claims, suits, causes of action, rights, demands, costs, expenses, losses, damages of any kind, as set forth in the Motions for Orders to Show Cause, including allegations of violations of the bankruptcy automatic stay, violations of the bankruptcy discharge injunction, contempt of court, actions in bad faith, and violations of the loss mitigation order dated April 10, 2018, by the Released Entities and Individuals.
- 3. Mr. Murray warrants and represents that he is the sole owner of and has not assigned or otherwise transferred any of the claims released in this Settlement Agreement, and that he will indemnify and hold harmless Released Entities and Individuals against any such assignment or transfer.
- 4. The representations and releases in this Settlement Agreement are binding on Mr. Murray and his heirs, successors, and assigns.
- 5. This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the United States of America including but not limited to the United States Bankruptcy Code, and the laws of the State of New York.
- 6. Mr. Murray represents, covenants and agrees that that the contents of this Agreement including the document itself shall be held confidential and that he will not make any disclosure whatsoever of the terms or this agreement or disclose this document itself, and that he will indemnify and hold harmless the Released Entities and Individuals against any such disclosure and compensate them jointly and severally for any losses related to any breach of this covenant or disclosure of the contents of this Agreement or this document itself.
- 7. Concurrent with this agreement, Mr. Murray shall execute the document attached hereto as Exhibit "A" captioned as "STIPULATION AND ORDER WITHDRAWING APPLICATIONS FOR ORDERS TO SHOW CAUSE AS TO GROSS POLOWY, LLC, ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATED WITH GROSS POLOWY, LLC AND SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING, LLC" which upon full execution shall be filed by Gross Polowy, LLC with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of New York in case No. 17-44157-ess.
- 8. By entering into this Settlement Agreement, none of the parties hereto admit any fault or wrongdoing in connection with the Motions for Orders to Show Cause or

the factual allegations or legal issues raised therein, and nothing herein shall be construed as an admission of any liability, wrongdoing, or merits of any claims or defenses asserted with respect thereto.

Gross Polowy, LLC by signature affixed herein represents that it has full authority 9. to enter into this Settlement Agreement on behalf of itself, its employees and shareholders and its client Specialized Loan Servicing, LLC.

SEAN M MURRAY

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT		
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK		
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In re:		
Sean M. Murray		Case No. 13-42618 (ESS)
		Chapter 7
Debtor.	_X	

# STIPULATION AND ORDER WITHDRAWING APPLICATIONS FOR ORDERS TO SHOW CAUSE AS TO GROSS POLOWY, LLC, ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATED WITH GROSS POLOWY, LLC AND SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING, LLC

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2017 the Debtor Sean M. Murray (the "**Debtor**") instituted this Chapter 7 case (the "**Bankruptcy Case**") via the filing of a petition (ECF Docket No. 1);

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2017 Debtor received a discharge (ECF Docket No. 8), and

WHEREAS, the **Debtor** having filed the following motions seeking the entry of Orders to Show Cause:

Docket No. 43: Application for an Order to Show Cause Docket No. 67: Application for and Order to Show Cause Docket No. 74: Application for an Order to Show Cause

and the above motions shall henceforth be collectively known as **Motions for Orders to Show Cause**, and

WHEREAS, the **Debtor**, Gross Polowy, LLC, and Specialized Loan Servicing, LLC have engaged in good faith settlement discussions to resolve the **Motions for Orders to Show Cause**, and

WHEREAS, the **Debtor**, Gross Polowy, LLC, Specialized Loan Servicing, LLC have contemporaneously herewith entered into a confidential settlement agreement (the "**Settlement Agreement**"), resolving the **Motions for Orders to Show Cause**, the effectiveness of which is subject to this Court approving this stipulation; and

WHEREAS, the **Settlement Agreement** provides, among other things, for the filing of this stipulation withdrawing the **Motions for Orders to Show Cause** as to Gross Polowy, LLC, attorneys associated with Gross Polowy, LLC and Specialized Loan Servicing, LLC with prejudice

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## NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED, AGREED AND ORDERED THAT:

- 1. This Court has jurisdiction over these proceedings and the parties hereto pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and this Court shall retain jurisdiction to enforce the terms of this stipulation and order and any agreement executed in connection herewith.
- 2. None of the parties hereto admit any fault or wrongdoing in connection with the Motions for Orders to Show Cause or the factual allegations or legal issues raised therein, and nothing herein shall be construed as an admission of any liability, wrongdoing, or merits of any claims or defenses asserted with respect thereto.
- 3. The terms of the Settlement Agreement shall not be disclosed, reproduced, published or disseminated for any purpose and shall be kept confidential by the parties.
- 4. The Motions for Orders to Show Cause are hereby withdrawn with prejudice as they relate to Gross Polowy, LLC, all attorneys associated with Gross Polowy, LLC including but not limited to Dennis Jose, Esq., Deborah Turofsky, Esq., Ehret Van-Horn, Esq., and Specialized Loan Servicing, LLC

Sean M. Murray, Debtor

SEAN M: MURRAY Dated 10/26/18
y Sean M. Murray

Gross Polowy, LLC as counsel to Gross Polowy, LLC and all its associated attorneys and

Specialized Loan Services, LLC

Dennis Jose, Esq.

Gross Polowy, LLC

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